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For Metal Product Containing Ceramic)
Dispersoids Formed In-Situ)

Assignee Name Change

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Sir:

After the filing of an Assignment in the above-identified patent application, assignee has changed its name.

Old name: Aluminum Company of America
New name: Alcoa Inc.

Assignee has completed Section ³ of the enclosed Form PTOL-85B (Rev. 10-96) using Applicant's new name in order that the new name is printed on the patent. Assignee does not wish to record the name change at this time, but desires to have the new name printed on the patent.

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